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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Amos NUSSINOVITCH, et al.
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For: **HYDROCOLLOID COATING OF
CELLS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 21, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Amended) A method of coating a cell [characterised in that] comprising the steps of:
- placing the cell [is placed] in a solution of hydrocolloid [and, after];
 - removing the cell from the solution of hydrocolloid [solution, is placed]; and
 - placing the cell in a cross-linking solution after removing the cell from the solution of hydrocolloid, [to] thereby [provide] providing the cell with a thin coating of the hydrocolloid.